

## AMENDMENTS

### In the claims:

Please **amend** the following claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:  
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer;  
a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface; and  
a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument.
2. (Twice Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:  
an operation panel that is operated by a user;  
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer;  
a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;  
a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument; and  
a replacing device that replaces operation information input from said operation panel by operation information input from said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface.

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3. (Twice Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:  
an operation panel that is operated by a user;  
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of keys;  
a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;  
a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;  
an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface; and  
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key.

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5. (Twice Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:  
an operation panel that is operated by a user;  
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of types of keys;  
a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;  
a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;  
an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface; and  
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key.

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Please **add** the following claims:

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7. (New) An electronic musical instrument comprising:  
a dedicated electronic musical instrument having a control section;  
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for  
connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer; and  
a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard  
directly to said electronic musical instrument.

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8. (New) An electronic musical instrument comprising:  
a dedicated electronic musical instrument having a control section;  
an operation panel that is operated by a user;  
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for  
connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer;  
a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard  
directly to said electronic musical instrument; and  
a replacing device that replaces operation information input from said operation panel by  
operation information input from said computer keyboard connected via said connection terminal  
and said connection interface.

9. (New) An electronic musical instrument comprising:  
a dedicated electronic musical instrument having a control section;  
an operation panel that is operated by a user;  
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for  
connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard  
having a plurality of keys;

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a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard  
directly to said electronic musical instrument;

an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said  
operation panel respectively to the keys of said computer keyboard connected via said  
connection terminal and said connection interface; and

an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said computer  
keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key.

10. (New) An electronic musical instrument as claimed in claim 9, further  
comprising a display device, and a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or  
numerical values respectively to the keys of said computer keyboard connected to said electronic  
musical instrument, and wherein when any of the keys of said computer keyboard are operated,  
said execution device causes said display device to display a character, a symbol, or a numerical  
value assigned to the operated key if the operation of the key is significant for a screen view  
currently displayed on said display, and execute one of the functions assigned to the operated key  
if the operation of the key is significant for the screen view currently displayed.

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11. (New) An electronic musical instrument comprising:  
a dedicated electronic musical instrument having a control section;  
an operation panel that is operated by a user;  
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for  
connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard  
having a plurality of types of keys;  
a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard  
directly to said electronic musical instrument;  
an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said  
operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected via said  
connection terminal and said connection interface; and  
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said  
computer keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key.

12. (New) An electronic musical instrument as claimed in claim 11, further  
comprising a display device, and a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or  
numerical values respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected to said  
electronic musical instrument, and wherein when any of the types of keys are operated, said  
execution device causes said display device to display a character, a symbol, or a numerical  
value assigned to the operated type of key if the operation of the type of key is significant for a  
screen view currently displayed on said display, and execute one of the functions assigned to the  
operated key if the operation of the type of key is significant for the screen view currently  
displayed.

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